

Torrance Is Represented at Truman Rally

Among the members of the Torrance Area Democratic Club who attended the rally at the Shrine Auditorium Monday evening to welcome Senator Harry Truman, Democratic vice-presidential nominee, were the following: Messrs. and Mesdames C. Earl Conner; Carl D. Steele, Thomas J. Wilkes, J. Gallyer, A. L. Elder, Neil J. McConlogue, Bob Godfrey, Bernhard A. Dean, Royal Friedly; Lieutenants Cecilia Hillmer, Fern Keller; Mesdames Katherine Flynn, Mary Seallen, Margaret Noak; and Messrs. Wm. G. Phillips, Frank

RIVERSIDE GUESTS
Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Dolton of 1320 Arlington ave. entertained as their weekend guests Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Reid and children Pat and Marcia of Riverside.

JOINS HUSBAND

Mrs. Lois Jayne Petersen left recently for Florida to join her husband, Pfc. Jack Petersen, stationed near Pensacola.

SMITH AND HARRY BOYNTON

Senator Sheridan Downey introduced the local Democrats to Senator Truman, who gave a report on the Truman investigating committee, which investigated government contracts. The Torrance group remained for the ball, which was also attended by a large group of motion picture and radio stars.

Next meeting of the Democratic club will be held Thursday, Oct. 19, at 8 p.m. at the Democratic headquarters, 1610 Cabrillo ave. A new telephone has been installed—number 1954, at the headquarters.

State Beach Committee Is Named

State policies to govern the protection and development of California's beaches are to be determined by a special state-wide committee, appointment of which was announced yesterday by Dr. Robert Gordon Sproul, chairman of the natural resources committee of the California State Chamber of Commerce.

The new committee, Dr. Sproul stated, will review the entire beach situation, including proposals which have been made by certain responsible groups. Its objective will be to clarify and recommend to the State Chamber of Commerce a state policy on beaches which will be sound and feasible, and which will be acceptable to the people of the areas concerned.

The new ten-member committee, representing all areas concerned and all groups interested in preservation of the beaches, will function as a subcommittee of the chamber's statewide natural resources committee, Dr. Sproul stated. Col. Charles T. Leeds, Los Angeles civil engineer, consultant for the State Lands Commission and formerly of the U. S. Army Engineers, has been appointed chairman of the special committee.

Appointments to the committee include: Raymond V. Darby, mayor of Inglewood and County Supervisor-elect; Donald Hanson, manager of the Spreckles Companies, San Diego; Virgil R. Jorgenson, member of the Sonoma County Planning Commission, Santa Rosa; Senator H. R. Judah, Santa Cruz; Geoffrey F. Morgan, president Shoreline Planning Association, West Los Angeles; Prof. M. P. O'Brien, chairman mechanical engineering department, University of California, Berkeley; Willis H. Warner, chairman Orange County Board of Supervisors, Huntington Beach; Horace S. Wilson, president Southern California Building & Loan Association, Los Angeles, and P. G. Winnett, president Bullock's, Inc., Los Angeles.

STACY GRIFFITH, a sergeant, in A.A.F., has just received another oak leaf cluster, it was learned this week.



SWEETS FOR THE ARMED FORCES . . . 150 Christmas boxes of home-made caramels and cookies for former Doak Aircraft Company, Inc., employees now in the Armed Services are piled high on the Torrance post office platform. The sugar for the sweets was contributed by Doak employees and the candy and cookies were made by them under the sponsorship of the Doak Aircraft employees recreation committee. Assisting in final shipping rites, are (left to right), Lucy Nicolay, chairman; Bill Willis, program chairman; and Bertha Hunter, service chairman, all of Doak. In background giving instructions is Postmaster C. Earl Conner.

Independent Parents' Group Urged Here

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Torrance the representation it deserves."
Torrance is paying Los Angeles city schools \$2 for every \$1. Los Angeles spends in operation of the schools, tax figures show.
Willett, in a reply to Mrs. Carr's suggestion, copy of which was sent to Grover C. Whyte, editor-publisher, the Torrance Herald, stated as follows:
"I have your letter of Oct. 9, 1944. I infer from your letter that there is no Parent Teachers Association in Torrance or that you feel that your local organization is not responsive to the wishes of the parents with pupils in Torrance schools.
"Certainly, if you have no Parent-Teacher Association, then one should be formed. If you already have a Parent-Teacher Association, in my opinion, the solution would not be to organize a competing association, but to make the present one function in the interest of the people of Torrance. It is my understanding that a membership in the Parent Teachers Association is open to all parents of pupils in the schools of the particular area. I suggest that you get your Torrance parents into the Parent Teachers Association.
"It has been my experience that when organizations are not functioning satisfactorily, it is better to get into the organization and make it work. You can't do much toward house cleaning unless you get inside the house.
"I don't believe you can have better schools, better teachers, etc., without sustained constructive assistance of the parents. Without the cooperation from the parents, it is not likely that a minor change in official management would make any difference.
"The assessed valuation of \$27,000,000 is far from being sufficient to build, equip and operate satisfactorily the type of junior college needed in this area. It would take at least three times that assessed valuation to do the job without such a burden on the taxpayers that their cooperation probably could not be obtained. I am very much in favor of a locally controlled junior college, if we can have one on a sound basis. The city of Torrance could get control of its own schools by voting to become a chartered city and possibly by voting to become a city of the fifth class. That alone, however, would not solve the junior college problem. I hesitate very much to put myself in the position where it is a case of a locally controlled junior college or none at all. There are many factors that ought to have much study before we make any such decision.
"The subcommittee is now making arrangements to discuss with the county superintendent

NAVY MEN GO TO HOSPITALS NEAR HOMES

Navy medical facilities now are such that many Marine, Navy and Coast Guard patients arriving at West Coast hospitals from duty overseas will be transferred to hospitals closest to their homes. It was announced today by Rear Adm. George C. Thomas, (MC) USN, Eleventh Naval District medical officer.
The new policy applies to the Eleventh, Twelfth and Thirteenth Naval Districts.
The orders have the dual purpose of aiding the morale of patients and in relieving crowded conditions in West Coast Navy hospitals, which are preparing for more men as the war moves closer to Japan.
In cases where further moving might be dangerous, more comprehensive specialized treatment may be received on this coast than in the hospital closest to the man's home, he will be retained here.
This will apply often to men receiving plastic surgery at the San Diego Naval Hospital, artificial limbs at the Mare Island Naval Hospital and similar cases where the hospitals here are better suited climatically or better equipped to speed the convalescence of the patient.
"Decisions to retain patients on this coast or to move them closer to their homes will be based on the continued Navy policy to treat men where recovery can be effected the quickest," Admiral Thomas said.
In districts east of the West Coast, Naval hospitals have been authorized to give special consideration to transfer requests of combat veterans. All transfers effected under this policy will include transportation for the patient at government expense.

Bank of America Observes 40th Anniversary

Bank of America's statewide organization took the 40th anniversary of its founding today in stride, too busy maintaining service under wartime conditions to stage anything formal in the way of celebration.
It was on the morning of Oct. 17, 1904, that A. P. Giannini opened the original quarters of the bank in San Francisco with resources less than \$200,000. Today, Bank of America has total resources in excess of four billion dollars, with nearly 500 branches in more than 300 California communities and ranking as the nation's third largest bank and the country's sixth largest private enterprise of any kind.
A. P. Giannini, who is still chairman of the board of directors, made no public statement for the occasion, but in a forward looking message to his own employees he pointed out the nature of the causes behind the development of California and all the Far West.
"An aggressive, pioneering spirit is behind the vigorous growth of our Far West," he declared. "A typical example is found in the men who grouped themselves together to construct great dams, bridges and other immense projects and open the way to swifter development of our vast resources. They had imagination, energy and the courage to take chances. We backed them up. Then when war came they were able to meet the new challenge.
"Without such men and such spirit our West could not have performed such wonders of production in this war. But they have done much more than this. They have shown what can be done with our resources and how our development can be expedited when peace comes again."

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ENTERTAIN MOTHER
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin B. Brown of 2202 Arlington ave. are entertaining as their house guest for two months his mother, Mrs. Laura Brown, who arrived Friday from her home in Tulsa, Okla.

MRS. O. D. TUCKER VISITS
Mrs. O. D. Tucker (Mary Intermill) is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Intermill of 1323 Acacia ave. She will be joined later by her husband, Sgt. O. D. Tucker, and they will return together to their home in Blythville, Ark.

of schools and possibly the state superintendent some of the questions involved. After these conferences are concluded, we will know more about what can and cannot be done.
"I appreciate your letter very much, and if we could just get all of the parents to take an equal interest, we would find making arrangements to discuss with the county superintendent these problems."

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Milk Bottle Collection Is Launched

A new drive to collect stray milk bottles and return them to their source was announced today by O. A. Ghiggole, chief of the bureau of dairy service of the California Department of Agriculture.

Sponsored by the dairy industry and endorsed by the War Production Board, the new campaign is launched with the purpose of recovering at least 3,000,000 "empties" by Jan. 1.

Ghiggole said: "While there is no shortage of ingredients that go into the manufacture of glass, the country's vast glass producing machinery is busy creating containers to meet the demand for glass bottles and other containers required by the armed forces. Because of this demand the cooperation of every household is needed in hastening the return of deposit bottles, particularly milk bottles.
"Milk bottles, even though cash deposits are placed on them, are still the property of the milk distributor." Ghiggole points out, "and are an important item in determining the delivery price of milk. The more bottles that can be returned to the distributor, the more bottles he will have available to deliver his milk.
"Housewives are, therefore, being urged to round up all stray milk bottles they can find and turn them in promptly to the milk delivery man or to the grocery."

MRS. KIERSTEAD WILL COMPLETE CLASSES
The last of the series of Parliamentary classes, sponsored by the Gateway, Lomita-San Pedro, and Gardena-Wilmington councils will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Oct. 20, in the Torrance High school auditorium.
Mrs. J. L. Kierstead, Tenth District parliamentarian, who has conducted the previous classes, will discuss nominations and elections at this meeting.

OBITUARY
HORACE BENTON WHITE
Horace Benton White, 4907 Torrance blvd., died Oct. 17 in a Los Angeles hospital. Age 78, he was born in New Berg, Ind. He had been a resident of California for 38 years. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary P. White; sons, Harold L. White of San Pedro and Ervine I. White, Newport Beach; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Services will be conducted at 10 a.m. tomorrow, Friday, at Stone & Myers by Rev. C. M. Northrup.

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